

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment & terminal disclaimer filed 9/6/5.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-8,10-13,15-17,19-24,26-28,30,31,36-40 and 42-45.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With reference to claims 1, 3-8, & 10-12, the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest a safety marker device comprising a base being heavier than the combined weight of a flexible means and cover, wherein said bent position is characterized by one or more parts of said flexible means flexed from their original position up to about 180 degrees with respect to said base, and wherein said safety marker device has a low center of gravity mainly due to said heavier base, whereby said lower center of gravity facilitates in restoring said original position and whereby said heavier base facilitates said flexing, in combination with the remaining limitations in the claims.

With reference to claims 13, 15-17, 19-24, 26, & 27, the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest a safety cone comprising a base being heavier than the combined weight of a coil and cover, wherein said bent position is characterized by one or more parts of said cone shaped spring flexed from their original position up to about 180 degrees with respect to said base, and wherein said safety cone has a low center of gravity mainly due to said heavier base, whereby said lower center of gravity facilitates in restoring said original position and whereby said heavier base facilitates said flexing, in combination with the remaining limitations in the claims.

With reference to claim 28, 30, 31, 36-40, & 42-45, the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest a safety marker device comprising a base being heavier than the combined weight of two or more flexible means and cover, wherein said bent position is characterized by one or more parts of said one or more of said two or more flexible means flexed from their original position up to about 180 degrees with respect to said base, and wherein said safety marker device has a low center of gravity mainly due to said heavier base,

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whereby said lower center of gravity facilitates in restoring said original position and whereby said heavier base facilitates said flexing, in combination with the remaining limitations in the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Travis M. Reis whose telephone number is (571) 272-2249. The examiner can normally be reached on 8--5 M--F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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